

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. B-4305

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Building No. 307

and/or common U.S. Army Crime Records Center

2. Location

street & number 2301 Cheasapeake Avenue: Building No. 307 not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county City of Baltimore

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> X not applicable	<u> </u> X no	<u> </u> X military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of Defense; U.S. Army

street & number Attn: AFKA-21-EH-D telephone no.: 301-677-2180

city, town Fort Meade state and zip code Md. 20755-5115

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number NOT APPLICABLE folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Architectural & Archaeological Investigations-Base Closure Activity

date May 18, 1990 X federal state county local

depository for survey records U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

city, town Baltimore District state Maryland

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Building No. 307 is abandoned and in deteriorated condition. Similar to Building No. 305 and No. 306, this building was erected in September 1942 at a cost of \$54,810 as a storage warehouse. The building was used as a storage warehouse until 1965; at this time it was converted to a bowling center. At the same time, Building No. 305 and No. 306 were converted to general classrooms. Today nothing remains in the building's interior to suggest that it was used as a bowling center. The building is one story in height, rectangular in plan, measuring 240 feet by 76 feet. The interior was originally an open clear span covered with a shallowly pitched gable roof. The structural system consists of regularly spaced wood columns and beams at the building's perimeter supporting the connected wood roof trusses. The building has a concrete foundation and a poured concrete floor slab. Set between the columns around the perimeter of the building were sets of three wood framed eight over eight double hung sash windows. The exterior is currently covered with a combination of corrugated metal siding and asbestos panels.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates September 1942 Builder/Architect Corps of Engineers

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Building No.307, is an example of standardized military construction, designed to meet the mobilization needs of the country.

The Corps of Engineers, with the aid of nationally recognized architectural firms, had begun developing new standardized construction plans which would allow the military to reproduce similar buildings throughout the country. A standardized system of construction had been successfully applied during the building of cantonments during the First World War. So successful had the system proven that in the decades between the wars the Quartermaster Corps had continued to develop, maintain, and update sets of standard drawings which could be brought in to use as the need arose. Standardization was also critical in the materials battle, for lumber could be pre-cut, reducing waste, hardware could be assembled and the building could be shipped to the site ready for construction. The construction process would be expedited and would require less skilled labor.

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10. Geographical Data

Quadrangle scale 1:24000 ft.

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Zone Easting Northing

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11. Form Prepared By

state Georgia 30083

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Fort Holabird Bldg No. 307 (US. Army Crime Records Center)

2301 Chesapeake Avenue, Building No. 307

Block 6923 Lot 011

Baltimore City

Baltimore East Quad.

